

What is claimed is:

1     1.     Apparatus for cooking food within a fireplace having a space for building a  
2     fire, wherein said apparatus comprises:  
3         a food grill including a food support surface and an elongated handle  
4     extending from a proximal end of said food support surface; and  
5         a frame including a coupling portion, a support portion, and a base portion,  
6     wherein said coupling portion removably accepts a distal end of said food grill to  
7     hold said food grill to extend horizontally outward from said coupling portion,  
8     above said space for building a fire, wherein said support portion extends  
9     downward from said coupling portion to be disposed behind said space for  
10    building a fire, and wherein said base portion extends outward from a lower end  
11    of said support portion to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said  
12    space for building a fire.

1     2.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said coupling portion holds said food  
2     grill in a plurality of vertically spaced-apart positions.

1     3.     The apparatus of claim 2, wherein  
2         said coupling portion comprises a pair of slotted members and a crossbar,  
3         each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart  
4     slots,  
5         each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of said food grill,  
6     and  
7         said crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally spaced apart to  
8     engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart positions.

1     4.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2         said apparatus comprises a plurality of food grills,  
3         each of said food grills includes a food support surface and an elongated

4 handle extending from a proximal end of said food support surface, and  
5 said coupling portion removably accepts distal portions of all said food  
6 grills in said plurality of food grills.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said coupling portion holds each of said  
2 food grills in a plurality of vertically spaced positions.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein  
2 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted members and  
3 a crossbar,  
4 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart  
5 slots,  
6 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of each food grill in  
7 said plurality of food grills, and  
8 said crossbar holds said pairs of slotted members horizontally spaced  
9 apart to engage said distal end of each of said food grills in spaced apart  
10 positions.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 said frame includes a pair of spaced apart L-shaped brackets,  
3 said support portion of said frame includes vertically extending legs of  
4 said pair of L-shaped brackets, and  
5 said base portion of said frame includes horizontally extending legs of  
6 said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said base portion of said frame  
2 additionally includes a crossbar extending between said horizontally extending  
3 legs of said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said food support surface includes a  
2 number of ribs extending in both directions around rectangular apertures.

1 10. A frame for supporting a food grill for cooking food within a fireplace  
2 having a space for building a fire, wherein said frame comprises:

3 a coupling removably accepting a distal end of said food grill to hold said  
4 food grill to extend horizontally outward from said coupling portion, above said  
5 space for building a fire;

6 a support portion extending downward from said coupling portion to be  
7 disposed behind said space for building a fire; and

8 a base portion extending outward from a lower end of said support portion  
9 to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said space for building a fire.

1 11. The frame of claim 10, wherein said coupling portion holds said food grill  
2 in a plurality of vertically spaced-apart positions.

1 12. The frame of claim 11, wherein

2 said coupling portion comprises a pair of slotted members and a crossbar,  
3 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart  
4 slots,

5 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of said food grill,  
6 and

7 said crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally spaced apart to  
8 engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart positions.

1 13. The frame of claim 10, wherein said coupling portion removably accepts  
2 distal portions of food grills in a plurality of food grills.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said coupling portion holds each of  
2 said food grills in a plurality of vertically spaced positions.

1 15. The frame of claim 14, wherein  
2 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted members and  
3 a crossbar,  
4 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart  
5 slots,  
6 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of a food grill in  
7 said plurality of food grills, and  
8 said crossbar holds said pairs of slotted members horizontally spaced  
9 apart to engage said distal end of each of said food grills in spaced apart  
10 positions.

1 16. The frame of claim 10, including a pair of spaced apart L-shaped  
2 brackets, wherein  
3 said support portion includes vertically extending legs of said pair of L-  
4 shaped brackets, and  
5 said base portion includes horizontally extending legs of said pair of L-  
6 shaped brackets.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said base portion additionally includes  
2 a crossbar extending between said horizontally extending legs of said pair of L-  
3 shaped brackets.  
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